[*Translation*]

LPG Agencies in Chatra, Bihar

1334. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open LPG agencies in the District Headquarter of Chatra in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). There is no proposal at present.

[*English*]

Compensation Claims for Lost Property During Gulf War

1335. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people of Indian origin living in Kuwait and other Gulf countries had submitted their claims for compensation in respect of their lost property during the Gulf war;

(b) if so, the total number of such claims and the amount involved; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Approximately 100,000 claims have been received and the amount involved is being computed.

(c) The Government of India gave appropriate publicity to the mechanism established by the UN Security council to pay compensation claims and the data on the claims received are under computerization in order to enable the Government to transmit the information on a consolidated basis to the UN compensation Fund. Which is to pay compensation. India, as a member, has taken an active part in the deliberations of the Governing Council of the Commission.

Visit by Prime Minister to Various Countries

1336. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the foreign countries visited by the Prime Minister during the period from January 1, to November 10, 1991; and'

(b) the purpose of these visits and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) During the period from january 1, to November 10, 1991, the Prime Minister visited Nepal (February 13-15, 1991), Bangladesh (May 12, 1991), Federal Republic of Germany (September 5-7, 1991) and Zimbabwe (October 14-19, 1991)..

(b) The purpose of these visits and the outcome thereof is given below:-

NEPAL:- The visit to Nepal was an official visit during which the Prime Minister had detailed, cordial and candid talks with Nepalese leaders and numerous steps for speedy intensifications of mutually beneficial cooperation were agreed upon. These include the establishment of a high-level Task Force to prepare a comprehensive programme of bilateral economic cooperation in sectors such as water resources development, health care, railways, civil aviation, education and social welfare which are of direct benefit to the people of the two countries.

BANGLADESH:- The purpose of the short visit of couple of hours was to express solidarity with the people of Bangladesh on